

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLORADO STUDENT HISTORIANS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding history education program in Colorado and throughout the United States. National History Day is a year-long nonprofit program through which students in grades 6–12 research and create historical projects related to a broad theme, culminating in an annual contest. This year's National History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History," encompasses endless possibilities for exploration. Each year more than 700,000 students participate in this nationwide event that encourages students to delve into various facets of world, national, regional, or local history and to produce original research projects.

By encouraging young Coloradans and other young men and women to take advantage of the wealth of primary historical resources available to them, students are able to gain a richer understanding of historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students in this program learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources, such as photographs, letters, posters, maps, artifacts, sound recordings and motion pictures. This significant academic exercise encourages intellectual growth while helping students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills that will help them manage and use information.

I want to take a moment to pay tribute to the four students who will represent Colorado at this year's National History Day contest. Amy Lewis of Summit Middle School in Frisco, Colorado, with the assistance of her teacher Sam Havens, wrote a fine paper entitled "The Automobile: A Revolution of a Lifetime." Amy Wiley's exhibit, "The Incredible Mill Girl Revolution," represents her hard work and the dedication of Dana Ferguson and all the fine teachers at Connect Middle School of Pueblo. Finally, Angie Mestas and Martina Zinr, of Ortega Middle School in Alamosa, have prepared "Sewer Systems: Revolution in Urban Sanitation," a group project under the supervision of teacher Carrie Zimmerman.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to applaud the dedication of these students and the hours of education, devotion and friendship provided to them by their respective teachers. The National History Day program is truly a great asset to Colorado's and our nation's educators and students in their quest for educational excellence. The program represents hope for improving historical knowledge and perspective and the future of our young people as citizens of the world. I thank all those involved in making this competition possible and I wish our own Colorado delegation good luck as they match wits with students from across the country.

### CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR RICHARD MCCRAY

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard McCray of the University of Colorado, who is one of six professors nationwide being recognized and rewarded with a National Science Foundation Director's Award for Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

The NSF Director's Award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to research in their discipline as well as education of undergraduate students, including those who are not majoring in the sciences. It is the highest honor bestowed by the National Science Foundation for excellence in both teaching and research.

In awarding this honor to Prof. McCray, the NSF selection committee commended him for his many innovative contributions in the area of teaching standards. In particular, the committee credited Prof. McCray's use of Web-based learning tools with transforming the way introductory astronomy is taught to large classes.

Prof. McCray has been a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1989, as well as a member of the Educational Advisory Board of the American Astronomical Society, and his many other accomplishments are too numerous to mention here. This award singles out Prof. McCray for his contributions to the University of Colorado, to the teaching profession, and to the overall enhancement of undergraduate education. He deserves to be proud of his efforts to strengthen the standard of excellence toward which our nation's professors and educational institutions strive.

### HONORING MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT J. COURTER, JR., COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot who has spent his entire adult life in the service of his country. Major General Robert J. Courter Jr., United States Air Force, is retiring from duty, bringing to a close his admirable 33-year military career.

A 1968 graduate of Rutgers University, Major General Courter, commanded two squadrons as a base civil engineer. He attained the academic position of associate professor of engineering management at the Air

Force Institute of Technology and served in two different key resource management positions at the Headquarters of the United States Air Force here in Washington, D.C. General Courter has served as the command civil engineer at Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. General Courter also served as the 37th Training Wing commander at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas, a society fellow, and national board member of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Throughout his dedicated career Major General Courter was decorated for his service. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In his most recent assignment Major General Courter served as the director of the Defense Commissary Agency, at Fort Lee, in the Fourth District of Virginia. In this capacity, Major General Courter was responsible for directing and centrally managing the military's worldwide commissary system.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the representative of the citizens of Virginia's 4th District to congratulate Major General Courter on the completion of his outstanding career and to thank him for his dedicated service to the United States of America. Please join me in wishing General Courter happiness for the future and thank him for his dutiful dedication to service.

### IN RECOGNITION OF RENEE D. MARTINEZ

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Renee D. Martinez for becoming the first woman and first Latina to achieve a position at the level of permanent Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development in the history of East Los Angeles College in Monterey Park, California.

Throughout her entire professional career, Ms. Martinez has remained committed to improving educational access and opportunities for the community. Ms. Martinez began serving the East Los Angeles community in 1968 at the Hammel Street Children Center as a teacher, consultant and supervisor.

In 1974, Ms. Martinez joined East Los Angeles College as a coordinator for the Outreach Education Associate Program for Education Aides. She then became a professor in the Child Development program and soon became the Chairperson for the Family & Consumer Studies Department. Shortly after, Ms.

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Martinez became Co-Director and Trainer of the Independent Living Program for Adults and Teenagers. From there, Ms. Martinez became Director of the Foster Care Education Program. In 1995, Ms. Martinez was appointed Director/Associate Dean of Student Activities. In 1996, Ms. Martinez was promoted to Dean of Academic Affairs. Since 2000, she has served as temporary Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development.

In addition to her professional contributions to the East Los Angeles College community, Ms. Martinez has spent her time and energy serving on numerous advisory committees for organizations like: East Los Angeles YMCA, Las Madras de Montebello, Friends of El Centro Mental Health Center, Latinas Partners for Health HIV/AIDS, and many others. Ms. Martinez's commitment to the community and hard work earned her various awards, such as: the Mexican American Alumni Award, 1992; National Head Start Latino Leadership, 2000; and Director of the Year-Foster Care Education, 1994.

Ms. Martinez currently resides in Hacienda Heights, CA. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University of Los Angeles and a Master of Arts degree from University of San Francisco.

It gives me great pride to honor and congratulate Renee D. Martinez for achieving the position of permanent Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development at East Los Angeles College and her many contributions to our community.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RUSTY CANNON MOTEL

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the Rusty Cannon Motel for its contributions to the business community of Rifle, Colorado. The Rusty Cannon was recently awarded the "Business of the Year" award by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the faith and quality service that the motel's owners have shown through the establishment's 20 years in operation.

Opening its doors in Rifle on May 1, 1982, the Rusty Cannon Motel was built to accommodate the oil shale boom which had significantly increased the demand for lodging in the area. When a major oil producer pulled the plug on their oil shale operations in the region only one day later, the Rusty Cannon's owners—Bob Cross, Dennis Foster and Bob McMichael—were forced to rethink their plans for the newly-built 89-room hotel.

After 20 years of successful operation, the Rusty Cannon's celebration of this impressive anniversary serves as a testament to the ingenuity, faith and management prowess of the motel's ownership. The Rusty Cannon's success has truly been a community effort, with managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig crediting the high quality of the local housekeeping and front desk help for much of the success which the establishment has enjoyed over its two decades of operation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I take this opportunity to bring the Rusty Cannon Motel's

twentieth anniversary to the attention of this body of Congress and congratulate managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce. The devotion and hard work which has been invested by the Rusty Cannon's owners, managers and staff to make this motel a successful enterprise has been a shining example of the American ingenuity which makes our nation great.

#### NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as all Americans should rise in support of service to the greatest Nation in the history of the world.

As we speak, American men and women are in harms way across the world fighting terrorist enemies who only nine short months ago launched an unprecedented assault against our Nation, our people and our institutions. Above all, they launched an assault against the values and principles of freedom and liberty that are the very foundation of our Republic, and the reason that we are the model for democracy all across our planet.

America is the terrorist's worst nightmare, for we are truly a guiding lamp of liberty, a model of justice that men and women all over the world flock to each year, an extraordinary place where the children of immigrants became as much Americans as the descendants of the Mayflower.

There are many ways to serve America's freedom. We are proud of our sons and daughters who risk their lives to protect our liberty. Their military courage inspires us.

But there are other ways to serve America. There are other ways to strengthen the United States, to strengthen our pluralism, to extend the American dream across our continent.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of national crisis, it is time for Americans to pay back to this country in ways both large and small, some of the great gifts that this Nation, and this land, and this system have given to all of our people.

I remember as a child hearing the stirring words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy calling Americans to service around the world in the Peace Corps.

I remember the words and programs of Lyndon Baines Johnson building the Great Society—from Head Start to Community Action Programs to Legal Services for the Poor. He fulfilled President Kennedy's dream with the formation of the domestic Peace Corps—VISTA—Volunteers in Service to America.

I recall the words of President George Herbert Walker Bush in his Points of Light initiative to expand volunteerism in America.

And I recall the words of President Bill Clinton when, as one of the first initiatives of his presidency, he sought the creation of the AmeriCorps program to encourage more young Americans to serve their country.

And today, I am proud of the determination, and the commitment, and the idealism of the thousands of Americans who serve in AmeriCorps.

I am stirred by the passion of thousands of young Americans, straight out of college with

endless possibilities to make huge salaries, who have chosen instead to give two years back to their Nation in the extraordinary Teach For America program. One of those American patriots is Sarah Siegel, the daughter of my own Chief of Staff.

Mr. Speaker, there are all kinds of courage in this world. Civil courage is every bit as significant as military courage. The thousands of volunteers demonstrate courage every day by sacrificing their time to help their fellow citizens. I am proud to witness this strength of character in America.

Mr. Speaker, there are many ways to demonstrate character in the new millennium. But I suggest to you today, as we celebrate National Service Day, that a fundamental demonstration of American character, values and commitment to the future, is service to our Nation.

President Kennedy challenged Americans with his call to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,"—and America has responded.

On this day, I praise all who are paying to their Nation and their communities, and accepting the personal responsibilities inherent in citizenship. I pray that their good work, and their good deeds, and their good hearts, will become a model for generations of Americans yet unborn, on how to be a responsible citizen of the United States of America.

#### DECLARING COLORADO OPEN FOR BUSINESS

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that Colorado is open for business! Recently, in great State of Colorado has been the focus of a lot of attention because of the fires. However, the fires are burning only in one-percent of the state and much of our beautiful state has not been affected by fire.

Many people associate Colorado with winter sports like skiing and snowboarding, but there is no where on Earth during the summertime like Colorado. Our state is home to fifty-three 14,000-foot peaks that are ready to be conquered, several creeks and rivers ripe for fishing or rafting, and numerous golf courses and mountain bike and hiking trails.

Summer vacationers can take a ride on the Summer Ski Train to Winter Park. Music lovers can watch the sun set over the Rocky Mountains and take in the sounds of the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge or at the Hot Summer Nights Concerts in Vail. Visit historic Central City and try your luck at one of the area's casinos. Or come to the River Run Annual Bluegrass and Beer Festival and Fiddle Contest and Bluegrass Concert in the Park Lane Pavilion at Keystone Resort. Sip on a tall cool one, grab a dance partner, marvel at the talents of the best fiddlers and watch the state's best lumberjacks compete for the title. And what would the Fourth of July be without the Greeley Independence Stampede, which is home to the largest Fourth of July Rodeo in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate all that the nation has done to assist us in fighting wildland fire. But there is nothing like a summer in Colorado. Colorado is open for business. Come one, come all and enjoy Colorful Colorado.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES E. PALLAS III, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American patriot who has committed his entire career in the service of the American people. Colonel James E. Pallas III, United States Air Force, is retiring from duty bringing to a close his admirable 30-year military career.

A 1970 graduate of the University of Georgia, Colonel Pallas has served his country in the extreme temperatures of the globe as director of housing and services for the Alaskan Air Command Headquarters, at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, and as food and service officer for the 43rd Combat Support Group, at Andersen AFB, Guam. During his distinguished service Colonel Pallas was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Humanitarian Service Medal with second device.

In his most recent assignment Colonel Pallas served as inspector general for the Defense Commissary Agency, Fort Lee, Virginia. In this position Colonel Pallas was responsible for inquiring into and reporting on matters affecting mission performance and the state of the economy, efficiency, discipline, and morale within an agency that controls the procurement, distribution and sales of a worldwide food supplier to our military and their families.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Representative of the citizens of Virginia's 4th District to congratulate Colonel Pallas on his magnificent career and to thank him for his long service to America. Please join me in wishing Colonel Pallas happiness for the future and thank him for his dutiful dedication to the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH  
BETHESDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of the North Bethesda Middle School on a meaningful and exciting achievement. Over the past 6 years, the North Bethesda Middle School community has collected over 10,000 new and used books to donate to needy children in Montgomery County and throughout the greater Washington area.

This year alone, the program donated over 2,000 books to disadvantaged children in their fight against illiteracy. The school community has been recognized for their charitable efforts by the Montgomery County Sentinel and by many other local organizations. Today I add my voice to all those saying "thank you" to the North Bethesda Middle School community for all their hard work.

These students, teachers, and parents understand that excellent reading skills and a quality education are the cornerstones of a young person's upbringing and development. The students of North Bethesda have already had a profound impact on the lives of children they may not ever meet. Their pure sense of charity, compassion, and concern should inspire all of us.

As a former teacher, I believe that each one of us can have an impact on a young person's future. It is my hope that through the continuation of this successful program, and others like it, the lives of disadvantaged children around the country will be forever changed for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members of the education community to look towards this wonderful and successful effort as an example of an outstanding educational initiative. I encourage all young Americans seeking to serve their community to follow these students' lead. Again, Mr. Speaker, I congratulate everyone at North Bethesda Middle School, especially Principal Joan Carroll, and thank them all for their work on this great project.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DALE  
ORENDORFF

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay respect at the passing of Dale Orendorff, who died unexpectedly at the age of 79. Dale became a pillar of the Montrose, Colorado community after relocating there in 1984 and, as his family mourns his loss, I think it is appropriate to remember him at this time and pay tribute to the contributions he made to Colorado throughout his life.

Dale Orendorff was born on September 7, 1922 in Columbus, Nebraska, the son of John and Loa Mabel Bernard. He spent his formative years in Central City, Nebraska, where he received his elementary schooling. One day after the historic Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dale proudly heeded the call to defend our nation, enrolling in the United States Army Air Corps at the age of 19. His service to our nation in time of war served as a testament to the character of a man whose devotion to family and country was evident to all of those who crossed his path.

Dale was a shining example of civic-minded devotion to his community. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Montrose, as well as Elks Lodge No. 1053. An avid outdoorsman, Dale's love of fishing dated back to his youth. As he grew older, he took up the game of golf, which became one of his favorite avocations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Dale Orendorff for his contributions to the Montrose community. His dedication to family, friends and community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress. Although Dale has left us, his good-natured spirit lives on through the lives of those he touched. I would like to extend my thoughts and deepest sympathies to Dale's family and friends during this difficult time.

COMMENDING SUPERVISOR DON  
KNABE

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Supervisor Don Knabe, who was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in November of 1996. He ran unopposed for his second term and was re-elected in March of 2000. Don is the first chief-of-staff ever elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

A community leader for 30 years, Don is noted for his attention to detail and ability to see the overall big picture. The strength of his grassroots support and considerable experience in local government have made him a highly regarded voice, not only at home in the fourth district, but in both Sacramento and Washington, DC.

Don is currently the chairman of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority and also represents the County of Los Angeles on the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, and the Large Urban County Caucus of the National Association of Counties (NACo). He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). In addition to various other appointments and commissions, Don is an executive board member of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and a member of the Asian Business League and L.A. Care Board of Governors.

Before joining the U.S. Navy as a young man, Don earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. Shortly after receiving his honorable discharge, he moved west to California, where he met his wife, Julie, and settled in the city of Cerritos.

Don spent 2 years as a member of the Cerritos Planning Commission before being elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1980. He served as a councilman for 8 years, including two terms as mayor, and was a leader in the development and implementation of the city's General Plan during a time of unprecedented economic expansion. Today, Cerritos is regarded as a national model of sensible growth.

Don Knabe has truly exemplified every aspect of what it entails to serve the diverse needs of the district's two million constituents. Thank you, Don, for your hard work and willingness to make such an outstanding difference in the lives of many Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALICIA IRMA  
BONILLA

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the numerous contributions of one of my constituents, Mrs. Alicia Irma Bonilla.

Mrs. Bonilla has served the students and schools in the city of Azusa for over 40 years through countless hours of volunteer service.

Her years of dedicated service have made a significant improvement in our schools and our community.

While working full time at the Good Samaritan Credit Union, Mrs. Bonilla also managed to be involved in schools such as Valleydale Elementary, Ellington Elementary, Center Middle School, Foothill Middle School and Gladstone High School. For the past two years, Mrs. Bonilla has served as Azusa Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President and the past 6 years at First District PTA. Mrs. Bonilla has also contributed her time to the Girl Scouts, Little League, Helping Hand, and Azusa Youth Programs. Her years of hard work and dedication earned her the prestigious PTA Golden Oak Award and Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to working with the city's youth, Mrs. Bonilla has contributed her time to local community and senior organizations like the Azusa Golden Days Activities, UMAPA, Healthy Start Families, and Azusa Citizens' Congress. Mrs. Bonilla has also served as a religious education teacher, financial council secretary and Eucharistic minister for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church since it opened its doors 35 years ago.

Mrs. Bonilla and her husband Joseph have four grown daughters, Carol, Sandra, Annette and Terri, who have gone through the Azusa Unified School District. Mrs. Bonilla is a role model to many children, including her own. Her youngest daughter, Terri, currently dedicates numerous hours to our schools and community.

Mrs. Bonilla is a woman who has served our community with her heart, mind and soul. Countless families have benefited from her kindness and generosity. I am thankful to Mrs. Bonilla for her commitment to our community and would like to honor her today.

#### EXPLAINING SEPTEMBER 11TH TO FUTURE 4TH GRADERS

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following letter to you and all of our colleagues. Nicole Jean-Marie Bansen read this letter at the Lindenhurst Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2002. An elementary school student from Long Island, Nicole directed the letter to future 4th graders so that they might better understand September 11 based on her own experience. Like Nicole, I believe that we must help preserve the memory of that tragic day by sharing our stories with future generations.

DEAR FUTURE FOURTH GRADER, September 11, 2001 was a tragic day. I'm writing this letter to tell you what really happened. I was in school when it happened. That was the day that jet planes hit the Twin Towers, and soon both collapsed. Tower One was hit first. Within the next hour, Tower Two was also hit. Time seemed to freeze. Everyone just stopped what they were doing to see what happened in disbelief. It was like a nightmare coming true!

When I found out what had happened, my heart felt like it was shattered, just like the Twin Towers. After school, my brother and Mom told me to watch the news. I turned on

the television and saw both planes crashing into the Twin Towers. A friend of our family's worked on the 72nd floor of Tower One. I was afraid that he might be killed, like so many others. He made it out of the building in minutes before it collapsed!

I was affected by this tragedy in a sad way because I will not see the Twin Towers anymore, and so many innocent people died. In the future, people should never forget this day, and always remember all the people who died. I believe parents should tell their children the truth about what happened when they are old enough to understand, so they aren't frightened. Your friends and you will learn about this day in your Social Studies class in school, if your parents didn't already tell you about it.

I hope this terrorist act never happens again. Hopefully you will never know the "evil" word, terrorism. But, if something like this does happen again, I am sure that everyone will be very sad. I am so glad to be an American, because of our freedom and people staying united through difficult times.

Sincerely,

NICOLE JEAN-MARIE BANSEN.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MOUNTAIN STATES LEGAL FOUNDATION

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Mountain States Legal Foundation, an organization that has selflessly led efforts to sustain and improve the interests of the community. I applaud the efforts of each and every individual that made it possible to build the new foundation's headquarters.

The Legal Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary by dedicating its new headquarters on June 6, 2002. The vision and determination of MSLF, has produced a state of the art, professional building, located in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado. MSLF was established to advocate the quest for free enterprise and maintain the country's laws established and preserved by the Constitution. On June 6th, their 25th birthday, I pay tribute to MSLF's accomplishments and relocation to their new location.

MSLF extends its outreach to the communities and businesses seeking assistance. Many of MSLF's activities include conservation and preservation of our natural resources and environment. MSLF has assisted in the fight to preserve and protect our wetlands and national forests. MSLF has defended our rights and liberties within the judiciary system. It is because of foundations and organizations like MSLF, that we are able to live in this nation of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I honor such an outstanding organization before this body of Congress and this nation. The Mountain States Legal Foundation contributes so much to our nation and community, it is fitting they celebrate 25 wonderful years. Thank you to all individuals who worked hard and diligently to reach these outstanding achievements.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOSE M. LOPEZ

#### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a special South Texan, Sergeant Jose M. Lopez, recipient of a World War II Congressional Medal of Honor. For his courageous and selfless actions on the battlefield, this man is truly a great American patriot.

In response to the call of duty, Sergeant Lopez almost single handedly engineered his company's successful withdrawal under heavy enemy small arms fire near Krinkelt, Belgium on December 17, 1944. On his own initiative, he repeatedly repositioned his heavy machine gun to critical points along his company line, which led to over one hundred enemy deaths and saved the lives of numerous American soldiers. For these efforts, Sergeant Lopez deserves the admiration and gratitude of the American people.

It is especially appropriate that we honor this soldier today on America's Independence Day. Although the American colonists were victorious in the revolutionary war two hundred nineteen years ago, the American pursuit of liberty did not end there. Throughout the past two centuries, young Americans like Sergeant Lopez have fought to preserve our country's values both inside and outside its borders. In this struggle, one of our most valuable resources has been our soldiers and their dedication to upholding American ideals.

This July 4th, as we celebrate the birth of our beloved nation and all it means to us in the 21st century, we must acknowledge the brave and selfless actions of dedicated American soldiers like Sergeant Lopez. Through his courageous military service, Sergeant Lopez has done his part to ensure that America may celebrate its independence year after year.

This year, we will honor Sergeant Lopez with a statue in front of the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Brownsville, Texas, to commemorate his contribution to American military history. Thanks to brave soldiers like Sergeant Lopez, we retain our freedom and we protect democracy around the world. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending Sergeant Lopez's sacrifice for our nation.

#### HONORING STAN ROGER ARTERBERRY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

#### HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Stan Roger Arterberry who is resigning as Superintendent-President of Solano Community College after eight years of distinguished service to the community.

Mr. Arterberry began his career with the California Community Colleges in 1974 as an

Assistant Professor of Sociology and History at Riverside City College.

He moved into college administration in 1980 as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Riverside.

In 1983 he transferred to West Hills Community College as Dean of Community Based Education. Three years later he was named Vice President for Academic/Student Services. He eventually became Superintendent/President of the district and served in that capacity until 1993 when he was named President of Merritt College.

He became President/Superintendent of the Solano Community College District in 1994.

During Mr. Arterberry's tenure, the college initiated the future development of programs with Sacramento State University and Sonoma State University to provide students the ability to achieve a four-year degree in Solano County.

Among Mr. Arterberry's innovations were the Weekend College, courses at Travis Air Force Base and online courses. He also encouraged the increased use of technology for services and programs for students and employees.

The Biotechnology Program, one of the cornerstones of Solano Community College, continued to grow and develop under Mr. Arterberry's leadership.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. Arterberry served as President of the Solano County American Red Cross and the Solano County Business Education Alliance. He was also an active member of the Vallejo Omega Boys and Girls Club, the Solano County Workforce Investment Board, The Vacaville Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, the Solano Economic Development Corporation, the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and the Vacaville Select Committee on City and School Relations.

Mr. Speaker, Superintendent-President Stan Roger Arterberry has served his college and his community well and it is therefore appropriate that we honor him today for his many contributions and wish him well in his new position as Chancellor of West Valley Mission College.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACOB BROTMAN

#### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I join with two of my constituents, Doug Dembling of Takoma Park, Maryland and Ross Dembling of Bethesda, Maryland to observe a special day in their family history. One hundred years ago today, on June 19, 1902, their maternal grandfather, Jacob Brotman, proudly appeared before the U.S. District Court in New York City and became a citizen of the United States of America.

Jacob Brotman was born in Romania on September 19, 1879. With anti-semitism on the rise in eastern Europe, Jake, as he was known, immigrated to the United States via England and Canada while still in his early teens.

On September 6, 1901, the very day President William McKimley was fatally wounded by an assassin's bullet, Jake Brotman enlisted in

the U.S. Army. He received his honorable discharge from the military on March 4, 1902. The Army's records reflect he served his adopted country during the Spanish American War as a member of the 72nd Company of the Coast Artillery. Shortly after his discharge from the Army, Jacob Brotman became an American citizen. Jake died in 1965 and is buried at the Long Island National Cemetery, New York.

Throughout his life, Jake vigorously embraced his new country, citizenship, and a strong work ethic. He treasured his citizenship, both its ideals and obligations. As Jake considered voting such an obligation, he never failed to exercise that precious right. He and his wife, Annie, raised four sons and a daughter in New York City with the same ideals. Three of his sons, Sol Brotman, Hy Brotman, and the late Oscar Brotman served in the U.S. military during World War II; his daughter, Florence Brotman Dembling, the youngest of his five children, went to work at the Pentagon during that war. Jake worked for over 40 years as a trainman in New York's elevated train system. He was very industrious and conscientious, and in order to provide for his family, he routinely worked extra shifts in addition to his 56-hour workweek. Despite his sacrifices for his family, Jake could always be counted on to help others in his community who were in need.

Mr. Speaker, later this month, I will have the pleasure of presenting an American flag that flies over the U.S. Capitol today to two of Jacob Brotman's grandsons. I know that all my colleagues in the House join me in this tribute to Jake's memory and service to his family, community, and our country,

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO REX WEIMER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I pay tribute to Rex Weimer as he concludes his service to the people of Collbran, Colorado after eighteen years dedicated to the town and its citizens. Rex's devotion to his neighbors and love for his community has served as a shining example of the selfless nature that is indicative of a true 'public servant.'

Rex's devotion went well beyond the job to which he was elected and he has shown such extraordinary dedication to his community in the numerous extra hours he has spent plowing snow, making repairs when asked and assisting employees whenever possible. He has personally installed a heating system in the Collbran auditorium and an air conditioning system in the new Town Hall—both tasks which he performed well above and beyond the call of duty. Rex's time spent on the board of trustees serves as a true testament to his love of Collbran.

Along with his wife Judy, Rex has been an active community member in Collbran for many years. He has served on both the street and alley and water and sewer committees. He is the Post Commander for the local American Legion and is a song leader on Sundays at the Collbran Congregational Church. Rex is a man marked by uncommon devotion to com-

mon people: he often anonymously bestows extraordinary acts of thoughtfulness on his neighbors, rarely seeking the credit he deserves.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his town, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service is an inspiration to those who have lived in his community. As a public servant, Rex Weimer's time as Trustee has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Collbran that I recognize Rex Weimer's ongoing devotion to the people and town that he loves.

#### CONGRATULATING MATT KEYSER

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Matt Keyser, an engineer at the Center for Transportation Technologies and Systems, part of the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, based in Golden, Colorado. Matt was chosen as one of the world's 100 Top Young Innovators by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Magazine of Innovation, Technology Review.

I have submitted for the RECORD an article about Matt from the Arvada Sentinel, a newspaper in Arvada, Colorado. I am proud that Matt hails from NREL, which is involved in such important work trying to secure for all Americans a clean energy future. I am proud of the example Matt has set for our young people, who need models like Matt to look to as they make choices about their own careers and futures. Most importantly, I thank Matt for his contributions to our environment and to this country.

[From the Sentinel and Transcript Newspapers, June 7, 2002]

NATIONAL MAGAZINE NAMES NREL ENGINEER  
TOP YOUNG INNOVATOR  
(By Sabrina Henderson)

An engineer in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory Center for Transportation Technologies and Systems, Matt Keyser of Arvada, was chosen as one of the world's 100 Top Young Innovators by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Magazine of Innovation, Technology Review.

Technology Review's top-100 list recognizes young innovators for their contributions in transforming the nature of technology in industries such as biotechnology, computing, energy, medicine, manufacturing, nanotechnology, telecommunications, and transportation.

Keyser was honored May 23 during a conference and awards ceremony at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. The event, called "The Innovation Economy: How Technology is Transforming Existing Businesses and Creating New Ones," included a full day of conference sessions and panel discussions followed by an evening awards ceremony.

Keyser has received two patents since 1992, with three more in the works. In 2001, he and co-workers were able to significantly extend the life of lead-acid batteries used in electric and hybrid vehicles by changing the charging technique. Conventional charging techniques cause lead-acid batteries to reach the

end of their lives prematurely. But by employing a "current interrupt" technique, which includes turning the charging current on for a few seconds then off for a few seconds, the degradation of the battery plates is reduced. The current interrupt technique also allows the battery to cool between charges. Batteries charged this way last up to four times longer than batteries charged conventionally. Ford Motor Co. is testing the innovation in a prototype electric vehicle.

In 1997, Keyser wrapped a catalytic converter with a vacuum insulator to keep it warm longer. The warmer converter reduced toxic tailpipe emissions 80 percent by eliminating the "cold start" problem of waiting for the catalytic converter to heat up. Auto parts supplier Benteler Industries is developing the device.

Keyser said his selection for participation in the event with so many other innovators was a tremendous learning experience. "It was a huge honor to be compared with people like Shawn Fanning, the creator of Napster, and Bill Nguyen, who sold his company, One Box, for \$850 million because it wasn't successful enough for him," Keyser said. "Speaking with the other people there sparked a lot of ideas and interest in new fields."

#### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Robert Langdon of Lexington, Missouri, who recently was named state Volunteer of the Year by the Missouri Economic Development Council. He has distinguished himself, the Lexington community and the State of Missouri with dedicated service.

Bob Langdon was nominated for this prestigious award for his work restoring and redeveloping Lexington's downtown. He helped bring a theater to the Franklin Avenue site and helped start the Lexington Pride Organization, which assists new businesses in opening in the downtown area. He has also served as president of the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce and he and his wife, Margie, are active proponents of the proposed 4 Life Center.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Langdon has been dedicated to making the City of Lexington and the State of Missouri a better place to live. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing him all the best.

#### RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF RICHARD L. GLOTFELTY OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

##### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today to recognize Richard L. Glotfelty, the Associate Executive Director for Veterans Benefits of the Paralyzed Vet-

erans of America (PVA) on his retirement this month after 23 years of distinguished service for this national veterans service organization.

Mr. Glotfelty was born and raised in Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania. He began service with PVA in 1978 as a National Service Officer in the Pittsburgh PVA Service Office. He also served in chapter level positions at the Pittsburgh-based Tri-State PVA Chapter.

Following his move to PVA's National Office in Washington, D.C. he served in a variety of senior management positions. In 1990, he was selected to direct PVA's entire veterans benefits operation, the organization's largest department. In this capacity, Mr. Glotfelty oversaw PVA's National Service Officer Program designed to provide local and regional support and assistance to PVA members and all veterans through 141 full-time staff located in 54 field offices nationwide.

He was also responsible for the development of extensive training programs for PVA's professional corps of service representatives in both veterans benefits and medical services. These programs allow PVA representatives to provide VA benefits/claims assistance and to monitor the quality and quantity of health care services in VA's Spinal Cord Injury Centers across the country.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Glotfelty served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1969. A crew chief on an Air Force C-130 aircraft, he sustained a spinal cord injury in the line of duty while conducting air support operations in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

During the last 23 years, through Mr. Glotfelty's service and leadership, PVA's veterans service representatives have assisted hundreds of thousands of veterans, their dependents and survivors in applying for and receiving the benefits and medical services they have earned and deserve. He and Paralyzed Veterans of America can be rightly proud of this record of achievement in service to those who have served in defense of the United States of America.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ETHEL JACKSON

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to pay tribute to the public service career of Ethel Jackson of Delta, Colorado as she concludes forty years of service to her fellow Coloradans as a member of the Delta City Council's planning commission. Ethel's devotion to her neighbors and her love for Delta serve as a shining example of the selfless nature that marks this true "public servant".

Ethel, who is affectionately known as 'Lale' to her friends, was appointed to the Delta Planning Commission forty years ago, replacing one of the original members of that body upon his resignation. While many things have changed in the intervening decades—not least of which is the acquisition of a more peaceful commission meeting location—Ethel has proved a constant leader in the issues of growth and planning which have challenged the Delta area.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a woman

whose love for her community, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service, is an inspiration to those who have called Delta, Colorado "home." As a public servant, Ethel Jackson's time as a member of the Planning Commission has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office—her commitment and longevity are simply astonishing. It is with gratitude for her time of service to Delta that I recognize Ethel's ongoing devotion to the people and community she loves.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, On Monday, June 17th, I was unable, due to Congressional duties in New York, to vote on Roll call Number's 230, 231, and 232. If I had been present I would have voted "aye" on all three Roll call votes. I ask unanimous consent to have my statement placed in the RECORD at the appropriate point.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE "PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2002"

##### HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, today, on behalf of a bi-partisan coalition, I have introduced the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002."

Partial-birth abortion is the termination of the life of a living baby just seconds before it takes its first breath outside the womb. The procedure is violent. It is gruesome. It is infanticide.

The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" would ban this dangerous procedure in which a physician delivers an unborn child's body until only the head remains inside the womb, punctures the back of the child's skull with a sharp instrument, and sucks the child's brains out before completing delivery of the dead infant. The great majority of these abortions are performed on unborn infants from the 20th to the 26th week of pregnancy and more often than not on the healthy babies of healthy mothers. The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban of 2002" is similar to the previous bans on partial-birth abortion approved by the House in that an abortionist who violates the ban will be subject to fines or a maximum of two years imprisonment, or both; a civil cause of action is established for damages against an abortionist who violates the ban; and a doctor cannot be prosecuted under the ban if the abortion was necessary to save the life of a mother.

A moral, medical, and ethical consensus exists that the practice of performing a partial-birth abortion is a gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited. Rather than being an abortion procedure that is embraced by the medical community, particularly among physicians who routinely perform other abortion

procedures, partial-birth abortion remains a disfavored procedure that is not only unnecessary to preserve the health of the mother, but in fact poses serious risks to the long-term health of women and in some circumstances, their lives. It is also a medical fact that the unborn infants aborted in this manner are alive until the end of the procedure and fully experience the pain associated with the procedure. As a result, at least 27 states banned the procedure, as did the United States Congress which voted to ban the procedure during the 104th, 105th, and 106th Congresses. Unfortunately, the two federal bans that reached President Clinton's desk were promptly vetoed. Although the House of Representatives overrode both Presidential vetoes, the Senate failed to do so.

Then, two years ago in *Stenberg v. Carhart*, the United States Supreme Court struck down Nebraska's partial-birth abortion ban as an "undue burden" on women seeking abortions because it failed to include an exception for partial-birth abortions deemed necessary to preserve the "health" of the mother. Thus the Court essentially rendered null and void the reasoned factual findings and policy determinations of at least 27 state legislatures that this gruesome, inhumane, and dangerous procedure should be banned.

The *Stenberg* Court based its conclusion "that significant medical authority supports the proposition that in some circumstances, [partial birth abortion] would be the safest procedure" on the trial court's factual findings regarding the relative health and safety benefits of partial-birth abortions—findings which were highly disputed. Yet, because of the highly deferential "clearly erroneous" standard of appellate review applied to lower court factual findings, the *Stenberg* Court was required to accept these questionable trial court findings.

Those factual findings are inconsistent with the overwhelming weight of authority regarding the safety and medical necessity of the partial-birth abortion procedure—including evidence received during extensive legislative hearings during the 104th and 105th Congresses—which indicates that a partial-birth abortion is never medically necessary to preserve the health of a woman, poses serious risks to a woman's health, and lies outside the standard of medical care. In fact, a prominent medical association has concluded that partial-birth abortion is "not an accepted medical practice," and that it has "never been subject to even a minimal amount of the normal medical practice development." Thus, there exists substantial record evidence upon which Congress may conclude that the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" should not contain a so-called "health" exception, because to do so would place the health of the very women the exception seeks to serve in jeopardy by allowing a medically unproven and dangerous procedure to go unregulated.

Although the Supreme Court in *Stenberg* was obligated to accept the district court's findings regarding the relative health and safety benefits of a partial-birth abortion due to the applicable standard of appellate review, Congress possesses an independent constitutional authority upon which it may reach findings of fact that contradict those of the trial court. Under well-settled Supreme Court jurisprudence, these congressional findings will be entitled to great deference by the federal judiciary in ruling on the constitutionality of a par-

tial-birth abortion ban. Thus, the first section of the "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" contains Congress's factual findings that, based upon extensive medical evidence compiled during congressional hearings, a partial-birth abortion is never necessary to preserve the health of a woman.

The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" does not question the Supreme Court's authority to interpret *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Rather, it challenges the factual conclusion that a partial-birth abortion may, in some circumstances, be the safest abortion procedure for some women. The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" also responds to the *Stenberg* Court's second holding, that Nebraska's law placed an undue burden on women seeking abortions because its definition of a "partial-birth abortion" could be construed to ban not only partial-birth abortions (also known as "D & X" abortions), but also the most common second trimester abortion procedure, dilation and evacuation or "D & E." The "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002" includes a new definition of a partial-birth abortion that clearly and precisely confines the prohibited procedure to a D & X abortion.

Despite overwhelming support from the public, past efforts to ban partial-birth abortion were blocked by President Clinton. Now, we have a President who is equally committed to the sanctity of life, a President who has promised to stand with Congress in its efforts to ban this barbaric and dangerous procedure. It is time for Congress to end the national tragedy of partial-birth abortion and protect the lives of these helpless, defenseless, little babies.

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#### CONDEMNATION OF THE USE OF TERROR AGAINST INNOCENT ISRAELI CIVILIANS

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences to the families of the 20 victims in yesterday's bus bombing in Israel, and to add my voice to the calls of condemnation against the continued use of terror as a weapon against innocent Israeli civilians. Horribly, yesterday's attack again included the targeting of children, from high school students to 10-year-olds.

On September 11, 2001, Americans faced the horror of terrorism in a way we never faced it before. Now, we live in fear knowing terrorist networks throughout the world are actively seeking to attack our country again to kill Americans. In order to protect America, and our allies, we launched the global war on terrorism. The use of terror as a weapon must be opposed and fought against, in the Middle East, in Asia, in South America, and throughout the world. As the leader in the war on terrorism, we cannot afford to falter.

However, in the Middle East, Israel is a victim of terrorist attacks every week. Sadly, yesterday's attack was only the latest in a continual effort by Palestinian terrorists to kill Israeli civilians, including children. The intent of these attacks is clear: to instill fear and terror within the Israeli people. Now every deci-

sion an Israeli makes—whether to go to a restaurant, whether to go to school, or whether to get on a bus—can be a life or death choice. In response, Israel, like America, has taken action to defend itself.

The United States is the world's defender of democracy and freedom. And Israel is the only democracy in a part of the world that has known no other democracy. Together we stand for the principle of freedom and the right to live in peace without the threat of terrorist attack. And we stand together in the fight against terrorism. America has asked the world to join us in the fight against terrorism. Israel is on the front lines. We must continue to support Israel, financially, diplomatically, and by whatever means are necessary.

Throughout my career in Congress I've been a supporter of the peace process and strengthening the relationships with our allies in the Middle East. For the last eight years I've been a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. In my position on the Committee I've strongly advocated for military and economic assistance to Israel, our principal ally in the region, to help keep it strong and prevent an attack by its neighbors. I've also supported funding for Egypt and Jordan, which is a direct result of peace agreements these countries have signed with Israel. And I've supported humanitarian assistance to the people of Lebanon, the West Bank, and Gaza, through non-governmental organizations, to help bring greater stability to those areas.

But no amount of funding can bring what is now necessary for progress in the Middle East: an end to Palestinian terrorism. No nation can negotiate with terrorists and no terrorist can be rewarded.

Despite the commitments Yasser Arafat has made to fight against terror, his actions have not met his words. Time and time again he's passed up opportunities, betraying the people he's supposed to lead. Arafat is either unwilling or incapable of bringing an end to terrorist attacks against Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and I support greater dignity for the Palestinian people. But I do not support the creation of a state that either supports or enables the use of terror as a weapon. Before the United States recognizes the creation of a Palestinian state, we must have the assurance that the leader of that state will do everything in their power to consistently, unambiguously, and effectively fight against terrorism. Without that assurance, we may only be increasing the likelihood of more horrific attacks like the one yesterday in Israel.

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#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL DUNHAM

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I pay tribute to Bill Dunham as he concludes his service to the people of Meeker, Colorado after six years as their mayor. Bill's devotion to his neighbors and love for the town in which he was born has served as a shining example of the selfless nature that is indicative of a true public servant.



Bill left Meeker to attend Colorado State University, returning with his wife Diane (Franklin) Dunham to raise their two children. He has been active in serving the people of his hometown ever since, spending the last thirteen years as a member of the Town Council. Bill is also a Water Commissioner for the State of Colorado, as well as a past president of the Farm Bureau and Stock Growers Association.

During his time as Mayor, Bill led Meeker through a series of improvement projects including major renovations to the Sulphur Creek drainage way, the replacement of the 10th Street Bridge, and the acquisition of a new building to serve as Town Hall. However, Bill's term as Mayor will be remembered not only for the physical improvements he made to the Town of Meeker, but also for the devotion he so evidently had for the community. That devotion was rewarded when he was chosen to represent Meeker in his capacity as Chairman for Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his hometown, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service is an inspiration to those who have lived in his community. As a public servant, Bill Dunham's time on the Town Council, including his six years as Mayor, has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Meeker that I recognize Bill Dunham's ongoing devotion to the people and town that he loves.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LOUELLA C.  
ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to Ms. Louella C. Allen, a native of Canton, MS. Ms. Allen has done numerous deeds for her community and still continues today.

Ms. Allen has been a dedicated teacher at Linwood Schools (Yazoo County) for more than 13 years and has served diligently for the betterment of ones around her and also her community. Ms. Allen is an active member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as Youth Department Director. She is also an active participant in her church's choir.

Ms. Allen is a good mother, who is greatly admired by her children, peers, and coworkers. Ms. Allen is truly the epitome for what a "role model" should be. She serve in such capacities which consist of leader, advisor, guide, and inspirer. She has and always will touch the lives of the people around her.

Ms. Allen is the driving force for the successful paths of many citizens in my District. She should truly be thanked. Her strength and leadership have been the main reason why this single mother's children have done as well as they have. Her early teachings gave her daughter the will and determination to receive her Masters from the Alcorn State University in Administration, and her oldest son, the sound mind to finish his Bachelors Degree in

Computer Networking and her youngest, the insight to become an intern in my Washington office who will attend The University of Southern Mississippi.

REVEALING "DEMAGOGUERY-BY-  
NUMBERS"

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues an editorial from the June 18, 2002, edition of the Omaha World Herald entitled "Honest Accounting of Casualties."

While Americans certainly have the right to express their views on the current war on terrorism, they also have a responsibility to use accurate facts when conveying their positions.

HONEST ACCOUNTING OF CASUALTIES

The Los Angeles Times has performed an extensive study of civilian casualties in Afghanistan and concluded that the dead numbered between 1,067 and 1,201. Every such death is uniquely regrettable, but that's significantly below numbers offered by critics of the U.S. military action last year, such as the 3,700 figure cited in one much-ballyhooed report last winter.

During the U.S. bombing campaign, at least one anti-war Web site included a graph that showed the alleged number of Afghan civilian dead climbing day by day to equal and then surpass the 3,000-plus casualties of 9/11. Analyses by the L.A. Times and other news organizations have now exposed that claim as baseless.

Even worse was the claim of 10,000 casualties put forward by cartoonist/commentator Ted Rall in an April 17 opinion column.

Matt Welch, a Los Angeles-based commentator, is on the mark when he says, "This continues to be an interesting litmus test for the anti-war movement's sense of peer review and fidelity to facts."

The analysis by the Los Angeles Times underscores how the U.S. military went to enormous lengths last year to minimize harm to Afghan civilians. That fact illustrates the vast moral difference that separated the American bomber pilots from the al-Qaida hijackers of 9/11.

A minority of Nebraskans and Americans continues to voice sincere opposition to action by the U.S. military. Room should be made for their dissenting voices. Some of their colleagues in the anti-war camp, however, have discredited themselves on the issue of civilian casualties. It is appropriate that their demagoguery-by-numbers has been revealed for the sham it was.

RECOGNITION OF KYRIN  
CHRISTIAN RUTH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Kyrin Christian Ruth of Fenton, Michigan. This young boy demonstrated incredible courage and maturity by taking charge in a crucial moment of emergency, thereby saving the life of his father, Jeffrey A. Ruth.

On the evening of April 5, 2002, Jeffrey A. Ruth suffered a seizure caused by the disorder status epilepticus. Seven year-old Kyrin heard his father's fall from the other room and rushed to his side. Following the procedure taught to him in case of this emergency, Kyrin called 911 and provided them with all of the information necessary to send a response team to the house. As Jeffrey was rushed to the hospital, Kyrin told the police that he and his 5-year old sister could stay with friends across the street until their mother arrived home. Kyrin continued to show amazing presence of mind by calmly phoning their mother who was out of town, and informing her of the evening's events.

Kyrin Ruth is truly an example for all of our young people. His parents prepared him for an emergency, and their training clearly made a difference. I commend Kyrin Christian Ruth of Fenton, Michigan for all of his courage and presence of mind, and call on my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING JUANITA CANNON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Knoxville's "hugging principal" has retired.

One of our leading educators, Juanita Cannon, has retired after 40 years of outstanding work with young people.

Mrs. Cannon was a teacher for 26 years before becoming a principal.

She taught health, physical education, sociology, and biology and coached tap dancers, cheerleaders, and girls basketball and volleyball teams.

She became known as the "hugging principal" because no one, parents, students, teachers, came to her school without getting a hug.

She could have retired five years ago, but she chose instead to take on one of the toughest assignments in the Knox County School System.

She became principal of the Transition School, overseeing students who had been in criminal trouble or who had been determined to be unruly and out-of-control at other schools.

She said: "When someone would ask me if I worked with criminals, I would say 'Excuse me. I work with young men who made a bad choice. They just got caught. They served their time.'"

She is a woman who knows there is some good even in the worst people and she worked to try to bring out the best in everyone.

Knoxville City Councilman Raleigh Wynn said: "Juanita had a way of getting along with the worst of the worst and the best of the best. She didn't show partiality with people."

She jokingly referred to herself as my spouse since she used my spouse's ticket to the 1993 inauguration of President Clinton.

I want to congratulate her on her retirement and on her 40 years of service to young people.

This Nation is a better place because of the dedication and simple human kindness of Juanita Cannon.



PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH  
NOON ROTARY CLUB OF DURANGO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the High Noon Rotary Club, an organization that has selflessly worked towards the creation of the new Rotary Youth Park Amphitheater in Durango, Colorado. The work of President Petra Lyon, Jeff Brown and the Board of Directors of the High Noon Rotary Club is responsible for many welcomed additions to the Durango community, not least of which is this new Rotary Youth Park which is to be dedicated this week.

The creation of this Rotary Youth Park has been several years in the making, beginning as the High Noon Rotary Club quickly capitalized on the idea of building a youth park for the children of Durango. By organizing a string of meetings with the City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department director Cathy Metz in the summer of 1999, the first steps were taken towards the reality of a new youth park. In November of that year it was decided that the plans for the Rotary Youth Park would be pursued along with the possibility of several other outdoor facilities, which would be located close to the new Durango Community Recreation Center. The fact that this dream has become reality is a testament to the commitment and vision, which the entire High Noon Rotary Club has for the entire Durango community. Funds from the annual High Noon Rotary Golf Tournament were collected over a three-year period and in January of 2000 the board committed a substantial check for the construction of the Rotary Youth Park.

Since its founding on May 1, 1979, the High Noon Rotary Club has shown an unmatched passion for the children of Durango. After 23 years, the club's service remains focused on projects that support youth while also beautifying the Durango community. The Durango Rotary Club has created numerous valuable public parks and meeting spaces, including the original High Noon Rotary Park in downtown Durango and the Durango Animas River Trail. Furthermore, over the years the High Noon Rotary Club has also been responsible for constructing the new soccer fields at the Animas Valley School.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the opening of the new Rotary Youth Park Amphitheater and to applaud the hard work and dedication displayed by the High Noon Rotary Club. The Rotary is an invaluable part of the Durango community and their commitment to the youth of Durango serves as an inspiration to us all. My appreciation goes to the High Noon Rotary Club for all their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE KLONNE

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Coach Steve Klonne of Cincinnati, Ohio. For 19 years,

Coach Klonne served as the Head Coach of the Moeller High School Fighting Crusaders football team. He provided a total 23 years of leadership and guidance to the Moeller family. For his dedication to the students of Moeller and constant pursuit of excellence, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress commends Coach Klonne and wishes him continued success.

Klonne's teams went 169–48 and won state titles in 1982 and 1985. In 2001, Klonne's final season at Moeller, the team finished 9–2. In 1982 USA Today named Coach Klonne the nation's "Coach of the Year" based upon his achievement and exemplary leadership.

Throughout Coach Klonne's career, he has been an inspiration, always challenging his players to strive for excellence. He taught the men of Moeller to understand no goal is beyond their reach.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud graduate of Moeller High School, a member of the Class of 1980. During the late 1970's, I was fortunate to play for Coach Klonne. At that time, he was an assistant coach, and I was a split end on the offensive line. I remember the long grueling practices and the endless drills. I will never forget the thrill of winning the 1979 Ohio state championship and the excitement of learning our team was ranked first in the nation. Coach Klonne taught us how to play as a team, to respect each other and to love the game of football, but most of all, he showed us, by example, how to be champions. Our success was due, in part, to the character lessons we learned from Coach Klonne.

I remember most vividly the passionate delivery of a spontaneous lecture on life and morality. Coach Klonne's sage observations and advice to a room full of spellbound young men are words none of us are likely to forget. In fact they have guided me from that moment on. The team was heading into the playoffs for the Ohio State Championship and we were one day away from facing our most formidable opponent.

The coaching staff gathered all the senior players in the old Bill Clark weight-training shed. It was cold and raining outside and the small room barely held us all. I remember teammates sitting on the floor, on the edge of benches, and some could only stand. I sat on a pile of weights.

Instead of the usual pre-game pep talk and strategy session, one-by-one, the coaches addressed us as young men who, through four years of hard work, discipline, and adversity, had become close friends and teammates. Finally, it was Coach Klonne's turn. In a tone we had never heard from him previously, Coach Klonne spoke to us as a father. He reminded us that football was just a sport, but explained to us how a team sport and a Marianist education could provide important lessons upon which we could rely for the rest of our lives—if only we were wise enough to listen and take full advantage of them.

He spoke about courage, honor, honesty, trustworthiness, morality, and most essential of all, faith in God and the importance of living as disciples of Jesus Christ. "Sometimes you will veer from the path to glory," he said. "But times like these combined with unyielding faith in God will always bring you back, and that's why I'm proud of you all and what you have become. As men, you're the finest." That speech has stuck with me for 23 years and is part of the reason I'm in Congress right now.

I learned how to win at Moeller. Steve Klonne was my coach.

Moments like these, and teachers Mr. Klonne are the essence of the Moeller tradition—a tradition that has inspired thousands of students, graduates, and families.

Steve Klonne is a great teacher. He is a man of high honor and profound dignity. A great coach at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, Steve Klonne is also a truly great American. He not only makes his community proud, he has enriched the lives of countless students, including me, and he continues to do so today. He is first class, all the way.

I ask the House to join me in extending its warmest congratulations and commendation to Coach Steve Klonne.

HONORING WILLIAM FITZGERALD  
SONNTAG AND THE ARC OF A  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. William Fitzgerald Sonntag, upon the completion of the Fairfax County Public School's special education program.

On June 17, 2002, Bill Sonntag will join his friends in the Class of 2002 to take part in commencement. It will be a very proud day for the Sonntags and all families of graduating seniors. Similar ceremonies will be taking place in thousands of communities throughout the Nation this month. To be sure, each event will be a milestone marking the tangible achievements of each student's personal and academic development, while symbolizing the threshold to adulthood and quest toward one's highest potential in life.

Bill is a most remarkable young man with autism and mental retardation whose gentle determined spirit has defied the limits of these disabilities which have been present since his birth in Virginia on May 29, 1980. Throughout a public school education, which began in the pre-school program at Prince William County's Ann Ludwig School in 1983, Bill has been guided, supported, and encouraged by a loving family and scores of truly dedicated teachers, classroom aides, occupational and speech therapists, school staff members, custodians, bus drivers and bus aides, School Age Child Care staff, and vocational and transition counselors.

During the arc of his special education in Prince William and Fairfax County Public Schools, many genuinely kind and thoughtful teachers and mainstream students have gone out of their way to include Bill and his classmates in the social fabric of student life beyond the walls of their classroom. The simple things that some students might take for granted—recognizing each other in the hall, eating together at lunch, enjoying the camaraderie in "PE" class, sitting together at assemblies, going on field trips, attending a dance, listening to music, and appreciating the everyday gestures of friendship—have been as key to Bill's special education as they have been for those mainstream students who have undoubtedly learned much about their own character. The obvious enthusiasm Bill displayed

each day in raising the American flag over Cooper Middle School several years ago, still offers a lasting example of pride in school and love of country for us all.

In spite of many communications challenges, Bill and his special education classmates offer a unique and engaging ability to inspire people of all ages to see past the disabilities and to focus on each individual's enormous value and potential. Everywhere he travels in the course of a day, he teaches people to smile with him rather than to stare at the circumstances of his disabilities. In this respect, the most encouraging aspect of Bill's personal academic achievement can best be seen in those whom he has educated and influenced along the way.

In Bill's case, commencement marks more than just the beginning of his transition to a productive and promising supported-employment opportunity secured through the coordinated efforts of the Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services. It also marks the opportunity for many other Fairfax County Public School graduates to remember the lessons they learned from one of their classmates and apply them beyond the walls of the school—to seize those moments ahead in which they can continue to widen the banks of the mainstream, raise the standards of inclusion and accessibility, and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to Bill Sonntag, the 2002 class of Langley High School, the students, teachers and countless others who have helped to re-define his potential throughout the arc of his special education and their continuing opportunity to make a difference and strengthen the general welfare of our Nation, as they embark on life's great journey. I call upon all of my colleagues to join me in applauding this remarkable achievement.

#### IN HONOR OF MARTIN FLEMING

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the family and friends of Martin Fleming gather together at memorial services on June 20, 2002, they will honor the life of an Irish American who touched the lives of so many. Martin passed away on June 16, 2002, and is survived by his wife, Ruby Fleming, and his daughter, Ann Kathleen.

Martin Fleming was a prominent leader for Irish Americans in the Detroit area for the past sixty years. He was born July 28, 1912 in Galway City, Ireland. At the age of sixteen, Martin emigrated to Michigan and settled in Dearborn, where he began his lifelong service to the Irish American community.

Martin quickly found an organization to call home, when he joined the Gaelic League of Detroit. He served as President of the Gaelic League for thirteen terms, from 1938 to 1967. During this tenure, he helped build and

strengthen the Irish American community in Michigan. Through his hard work and dedication, he managed to bring prominent Irish leaders and officials to Detroit, including Eamon DeValera, who later became the President of Ireland.

Martin's service to the Irish American community continued, as he founded the United Irish Societies (U.I.S.) in 1959, served as president of the U.I.S. for eight terms, and returned the Saint Patrick's parade to Detroit. He was also a supporter and friend to myself and other elected officials and leaders of the Democratic party. His work and guidance on issues important to the Irish American community served as an inspiration to us all.

Those who worked closely with Martin considered him the "godfather" of the Detroit Irish community. He was always there to help, serve, and better the Irish American community for generations to come. When asked what he would say to young Irish Americans today, he responded: "I would tell them they should study Irish history and find out where their ancestors came from—and they should become involved and do what they can to help the Irish cause along."

His mark on the City of Detroit and Irish Americans will always be remembered. He will truly be missed. I invite my colleagues to please join me in paying tribute to one of the most influential Irish Americans of Michigan, Martin Fleming, and saluting him for his exemplary years of care and service.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIONEL JAY SILVERFIELD

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American citizen, and I am proud to recognize Lionel Jay Silverfield in the United States Congress for his invaluable service to Arkansas and our nation.

Lionel Silverfield was born July 6, 1932 in Memphis, Tennessee, but considers himself a lifelong resident of Osceola, Arkansas. He studied at the University of Alabama and nobly served his country in the United States Army, where he rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. On July 28, 1958, Lionel married Lenora Pevsner of Oklahoma City. The couple has a son, Martin Silverfield, two daughters, Debbie Scheinberg and Elise May and a grandson, Matthew May.

Lionel enjoyed a successful career as a business leader in Osceola. He was the owner and president of Silverfield's Department Store which closed in March 1995 after 75 years in downtown Osceola. He also served on the local Chamber of Commerce for 36 years, including two stints as Vice President. The city of Osceola proclaimed March 15, 1995 Lionel Silverfield Day in Osceola for his leadership in the local business community.

In addition, Lionel has been a committed public servant and a leader in a variety of community groups. He served on the Osceola Planning Commission for 40 years and is a founding board member of the Riverlawn

Country Club. He maintains a 43-year perfect attendance record in Kiwanis International and was recognized for his leadership with the George F. Hixson Award by Kiwanis International in 1999.

The state of Arkansas is a better place because of Lionel Silverfield, and I am proud to call him my friend. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to this great Arkansan on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE PIERRE S. DU PONT IV

### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today and pay tribute to a man to whom Delaware owes much gratitude—the Honorable Pierre S. du Pont IV, known to all of us as Pete.

Throughout his years in public office, Pete du Pont has become known as one of the most clear and concise political thinkers, not only in Delaware but across the entire Nation. His commentaries and opinions have been highly regarded as the industry's best. But it is his commitment to the State of Delaware that has prompted my remarks in front of this body today.

First elected into public office in 1968 as a member of the Delaware General Assembly, Pete du Pont was recognized for his abilities and elected two years later to represent Delaware as its lone member of the United States House of Representatives. Serving for six years from 1970 to 1976, Pete du Pont was picked by Time Magazine as one of "200 Faces for the Future".

After his terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, Pete returned to serve as Governor of Delaware. Facing a near bankrupt government, then Governor Pete du Pont was able to pass legislation that lowered taxes, balanced the State's budget, and boosted educational programs across the State. Welcoming large banks inside our borders, his tax laws helped to reestablish Delaware's financial strength, and helped the State's economy prosper. Re-elected in 1980, Pete's eight years as Governor ended as his Presidential campaign began.

Running for the Republican nomination during the 1988 Presidential Campaign, Gov. du Pont confronted America with a no-nonsense attitude on education and retirement; his views heralded as both honest and principled.

As an advisor to governments here and abroad, Pete du Pont has proven himself as one of America's prolific politicians. Recognized as a first-class commentator, and respected as a National policy columnist, he still serves as a Director of Wilmington's prestigious Richards Layton & Finger law firm, editor of IntellectualCapital.com, and as a guest on many radio and television programs.

A stalwart hero to those who desire clarity in their politics, Pete du Pont's dedication to government and education throughout the years is extraordinary, and I salute him for his years of service to both Delaware and the Nation.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO TED HAYDEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of gratitude that I pay tribute to Ted Hayden as he concludes his service to the people of Delta County after thirteen years as a County Commissioner. Ted's devotion to his neighbors and love for the town of Paonia, Colorado, where he has lived for the last thirty years, has served as a shining example of the selfless nature that is indicative of a true public servant.

During his time as County Commissioner, Ted has concentrated his efforts on serving the people of his region by protecting their interests in public lands and community property. Ted has dealt with many diverse issues during his career in public service, from budgets to airports and landfills. He has approached each with an insight and integrity that is worthy of the recognition that we bestow here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his community, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service, is an inspiration to those who have lived in Delta County. As a public servant, Ted Hayden's time as County Commissioner has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Delta County, Colorado that I recognize Ted's ongoing devotion to the people and community that he loves.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES  
HOUSEWORTH

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career has come to an end. Mr. Charles Houseworth, of Lexington, MO, has retired as Director of the Lex La-Ray Technical Center.

Mr. Houseworth began teaching and counseling in Brookfield and Lexington, MO in 1968, after receiving a Bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University. After receiving a Master's degree from CMSU in Guidance/Counseling, he became the guidance counselor of the then brand new vocational school in Lexington in 1975. In the summer of 1982 until the present, he has served the Director of the Lex La-Ray Technical Center.

Mr. Houseworth has not only taught and guided the young people of Lexington but has also been involved with many local civic and community activities. He served the people of Lexington as the 4th Ward Councilman for six years. Charles has also been serving on the Wentworth Community Council for the past six years as well as working closely with local, state, and national legislators.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Houseworth has dedicated 34 years to the Brookfield and Lexington communities, serving with honor and distinction. I know that the Members of the House

will join me in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

## HOME OWNER—AMERICAN DREAM

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, home ownership is a vital component of the American Dream. Unfortunately, too many families are frozen out of this dream by obstacles such as lack of opportunity, limited knowledge and soaring real estate prices. One of my primary goals as a Member of Congress is to raise the roof on home ownership for minorities, immigrants and low- and moderate-income families in the 11th Congressional District and throughout the country by removing these obstacles to achieving home ownership.

The Ohio Statewide Housing Summit was an important step in moving toward this goal. As Honorary Host of the Summit, it was my pleasure to welcome the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and my colleagues Rep. CORRINE BROWN, Rep. EVA CLAYTON, Rep. JAMES CLYBURN, Rep. BARNEY FRANK, Rep. CAROLYN KILPATRICK, and Rep. BARBARA LEE to Cleveland to share and gather information about housing issues that affect all of our constituents.

I was proud of and gratified by the exemplary partnership and hard work of so many people and organizations in my District and throughout the state and country who joined together to make this Summit a success:

Sponsors and Contributors: Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, Fannie Mae Foundation, Key Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, National City Bank, Finch Group, Household Financial Services, Local Initiative Support Corporation, United Guarantee Mortgage Insurance.

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Special Assistance: BET.com, Classic Press, Cleveland State University Convocation Center, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, DAR Public Relations, Inc., Sheila Jackson Graphics.

Thanks to their hard work, the Ohio Statewide Housing Summit was a resounding success that will continue to benefit my constituents for years to come.

## IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Juneteenth Day.

Each year, June 19th commemorates the end of slavery in this nation. It is a day of thanksgiving in the African-American community—a day in which we rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy and look ahead to a time when we can be completely free from the legacy of slavery.

On June 19th, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. This news, nearly two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, brought freedom to thousands of slaves in what was then the western parts on the United States. Juneteenth Day is the oldest known celebration of the end of American slavery.

In decline for much of the 20th century, the celebration of Juneteenth was rejuvenated during '50's and '60's with the rising call of civil rights. Today, cities and towns across the country are celebrating Juneteenth. It serves as a reminder of where the African-American community was, where it is today, and where it can go.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we must know our history before we can move forward. Today, as the descendants of slaves and sharecroppers myself, I stand here on the floor of the House of Representatives—proud to celebrate Juneteenth Day.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD  
AND BARBARA DORRELL

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute today to the union of Richard and Barbara Dorrell as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. True Coloradans, the Dorrells have spent the last half-century together in loving devotion to each other. Their affection for one another is evident to their friends and family alike. Their involvement in the Rifle, Colorado community is a source of pride in each of their lives.

A Rifle native, "Dick," as he is known to friends, is one of the last true Colorado cowboys: he was involved with the rodeo circuit back in the 1960s as both a bareback bronco rider as well as one of the rodeo's clowns. Dick's stories of his exploits on the rodeo circuit continue to entertain friends and family alike as he weaves spellbinding tales of his heroics in the ring nearly thirty years ago. After leaving the rodeo, Dick moved on to a career driving a school bus for the RE-2 school district—a job he enjoyed for over twenty years. A past chief of the Rifle Volunteer Fire Department, Dick dedicated 25 years of his life to protecting our state from fire danger; he has also spent the last 45 years as an active member of the Rifle Elks Lodge.

Dick's lovely wife Barbara originally hails from Glendale, California, though she has lived in Rifle since 1947. Barbara devoted her time to her children during their youth, though rejoined the workforce to teach private piano lessons for over twenty years. She began her professional career with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado in the 1970s and retired several years ago after 25 years of admirable service. Barbara has been an active

member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rifle, playing the organ there most Sundays since the age of thirteen!

Mr. Speaker, Richard and Barbara Dorrell were married in the Methodist Church in Rifle, Colorado 50 years ago this week and it is with a happy heart that I take a moment to recognize their commitment to each other before this distinguished body. I join their two children, Connie and Wayne, as well as the entire Rifle community, in congratulating them on this benchmark in their lives together. For this unwavering dedication to each other, as well as their infectious love for Rifle, I am proud to congratulate the Dorrells on this momentous day.

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HONORING DR. DEIRDRE J.  
LOUGHLIN

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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Worcester community in honoring Dr. Deirdre J. Loughlin for her 42 years of unwavering service to the Worcester Public Schools.

Born in Scotland, Dr. Loughlin attended schools in both Europe and the United States. Dr. Loughlin earned her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and her master's degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

During her 42 years at the Worcester Public Schools, Dr. Loughlin has taught high school science, coordinated a variety of special programs for students, and most recently served as the District Manager of Staff for Program and Curriculum Development. Dr. Loughlin's dedication and passion in that position led to many accomplishments, one of which includes the complete revision of the District's curricula that is now in alignment with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Not only has Dr. Loughlin served the Worcester community through her work in the Worcester Public Schools, but in other leadership positions as well. Dr. Loughlin currently serves on a variety of boards and committees, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Broad Meadow Brook and the Worcester Women's History Project. Dr. Loughlin approaches all her work with the same enthusiasm that she has brought to the Worcester Public Schools.

In addition to her dedicated service to the Worcester community, Dr. Loughlin has a wonderful family. With her husband, Dr. Raymond K. Loughlin, Dr. Loughlin has a son, two daughters, four grandsons, and a new granddaughter.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Dr. Loughlin on her accomplishments and wishing her the best of luck in retirement.

## CODE TALKERS RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 18, 2002*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3250, the "Code Talkers Recognition Act."

Congress rarely has the opportunity to celebrate selfless heroism, Mr. Speaker, and so I particularly thank the sponsor of this legislation, Mr. THUNE, for introducing it and Mrs. GRANGER and Mr. WATKINS, for their efforts on similar bills that now have been incorporated here.

Mr. Speaker, as we are now engaged in a war on terrorism that involves precision munitions and long-range air strikes, it is easy to forget how different the wars of the 20th century were. Then, huge armies often stood toe-to-toe, and the decisive edge in a battle often turned more on knowing what the enemy was going to do than on anything else. Once we broke the German codes, the tide of the war in Europe turned. Once we knew the Japanese codes, Allies were able to take apart their sea power and end any ability to project force.

But Mr. Speaker the Germans and the Japanese had code-breakers, too. What they didn't have were the Native American code talkers, who used their tribal languages to communicate military orders and intelligence information between forward-deployed units and their commanders further to the rear. Those tribal languages never were understood by our enemies, Mr. Speaker, and the resulting ability to communicate freely, accurately and safely saved countless Allied lives.

Congress has honored the Navajo Code Talkers with medals. This bill addresses the long-overdue recognition of the other brave warriors from other tribes who performed similar services. The bill would grant the Congressional Gold Medal, posthumously in most cases, to those brave warriors from the Sioux, Choctaw, Comanche and the other tribes.

Mr. Speaker, the Sioux Code Talkers—using Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Sioux languages—were deployed in both the European and Pacific theaters and served in some of the heaviest combat actions to provide their communications services. They are credited by military commanders as being instrumental in saving the lives of many Allied soldiers.

Comanche serving in the 4th Signal Company helped to develop a code using their language to communicate military messages during the D-Day invasion and in the European theater during World War II. To the enemy's frustration, the code developed by the Comanche Code Talkers proved to be unbreakable. The Germans even sent spies to training grounds in Fort Gordon and to reservations in Oklahoma to try and crack the code.

Mr. Speaker, the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I were the first code talkers used in recent times. While most Native Americans at the time were not considered citizens of the United States, many volunteered to fight, and many were incorporated into a company of Indian Enlistees serving the 142nd Infantry Company of the 36th division. While serving, their use of the native language was discouraged. However, a commander—aware that

most Allied codes had been broken by the Germans—realized that a number of men under his command spoke complex and possibly undecipherable language, and he put them to work sending codes. A total of 18 Choctaws served our country as Code Talkers. The Choctaw tribe and the State of Oklahoma have honored these code talkers and today I believe we should do likewise.

Mr. Speaker, as the Navajo Code Talkers already have been recognized with Congressional medals and this legislation specifically names Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche code talkers, this bill also asks the Secretary of Defense to identify any non-Navajo code talkers from tribes other than the Sioux, Choctaw and Comanche who served overseas as code talkers in the wars of the last century, and recognize them with medals as well.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to honor all Native American code talkers who have fought for our country.

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HONORING THE TOWN OF  
HUNTINGTON

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HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the commitment and dedication of the people of the Town of Huntington, New York. On June 15th, 2002, at the 53rd National Civic League Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, Huntington was selected out of 30 finalists to be proclaimed an All-American City, and thus became the first Long Island community to receive this impressive designation.

The All-American City Award is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious distinctions, given to those communities, which demonstrate outstanding leadership and collaboration in addressing community-wide challenges and achieving exceptional results.

This spring, the Town of Huntington's Chamber of Commerce, a business partnership that represents more than 1,300 members, was officially notified by the National Civic League that Huntington had been selected as a finalist for the 2002 All-American City Award. For the next month and a half, the Chamber of Commerce prepared extensively for a final 10-minute formal presentation to be given before the All-American City Jury Panel. It was the success of this final presentation, which highlighted three community-based projects, that clinched the award for Huntington.

Mr. Speaker, this distinction is a glowing reflection on all members of the Huntington community. Specifically, I would like to call attention to the tireless work of Dennis Sneden, the CEO of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce; Frank Petrone, the Town Supervisor; Board members Marlene Budd, Mark Cuthbertson, Susan Berland, and Mark Capadonno and all the individuals and businesses, citizens and entrepreneurs, of the Huntington community.

Commenting on Huntington's success, Town Supervisor Petrone summed up the reason for

Huntington's smashing success. "This designation speaks to the commitment of a community which works together for the betterment of all its residents," he said. "The partnership between Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Huntington's government sets an example for the region."

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in honoring this historic achievement, and in congratulating all the members of the Huntington community for the inspirational example they have provided for cities, towns and villages throughout New York State and our entire nation.

#### HONORING THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN THEIR HEEDING THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR AFGHAN YOUTH RELIEF

##### HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to honor the Boy Scouts of America who answered the call of the President to raise funds for the Afghan Youth Relief Fund in light of events following September 11th. This extraordinary opportunity allowed Boy Scouts throughout the nation to aid in a national cause.

In my district, the 470 Scouts of Three Rivers responded to the President at our Veterans' Day celebration of 2001. It was at this celebration that they were able to raise over 1,000 dollars! Today Brandon Johnson from Council 578 of Beaumont, Texas is representing Three Rivers at both the White House and the Red Cross.

The Boy Scouts of America's response shows that young people are answering the challenges proposed to them by their leaders during this time of great need. It is great to see that they are taking the initiative to lead at this critical time in American history.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE GENE SULLIVAN

##### HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, Gene Sullivan, a gifted basketball coach and thoughtful social steward passed away February 21st in Chicago at the age of 70. He will certainly be known for his coaching accomplishments. As the coach of Loyola University Chicago's basketball team during the 1980's, he led the Ramblers back to the NCAA tournament after a 20-year absence in 1984-1985. The Ramblers won twice before losing to the national champion Georgetown Hoyas in the Sweet 16 that year. Coach Sullivan was rightly named the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1985, and retired with a 149-114 record.

Fortunately, Gene Sullivan extended his reach beyond his tremendous college basketball career. He cared about people and communities. Gene motivated thousands of stu-

dent athletes by urging them to make responsible life decisions. More than 5,000 coaches and 55,000 athletes have taken his "Stay" pledge to remain committed to school and keep a positive outlook.

After his retirement from coaching, Gene served as Deputy Chief of the Chicago Park District. He used his tremendous abilities and celebrity to greatly boost youth sports. During his tenure with the park district, Deputy Chief Sullivan repaired 140 city basketball courts and attracted thousands of Chicago youngsters to summer baseball leagues.

Thankfully, Coach Sullivan's legacy will be remembered for many years to come. Tomorrow, the first annual Sullivan Awards Night for Coaches will take place at Hawthorne Race Course in my Congressional District. At the ceremony, seven Chicagoland coaches will be honored for their great work. Among them, Robert W. Foster of Leo High School will be honored with the Sullivan Award For Lifetime Achievement. Patricia Nolan Ryan, principal of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, will be honored for her tremendous dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I knew Gene Sullivan, and he was truly a great human being and a very good basketball coach. I salute all the participants and would like to submit Chicago Sun-Times columnist Steve Neal's story on this event for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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#### AWARDS HONOR COACH'S LEGACY

(By Steve Neal)

Gene Sullivan, who died much too soon, should be long remembered as a great basketball coach and very good man.

On Thursday night, legions of his friends are gathering to celebrate his legacy. Bears Coach Dick Jauron and State's Attorney Richard Devine, who played high school basketball for Sullivan, are among those scheduled to speak.

The first annual Sullivan Awards Night for Coaches will start at 6 p.m. in the Turf Room at Hawthorne Race Course.

Sullivan, who devoted his life to basketball, never lost his love of the game or his determination to help others. For the last four years, he enlisted coaches throughout the Chicago area in his crusade against drugs, gang activity, gun possession and hateful remarks. The Stay program, which Sullivan kept alive, urged students and athletes to stay in school, stay involved, stay out of gangs and stay positive.

"We coaches tend to get too wrapped up in our own little world of wins and losses while the outside world is falling apart," Sullivan told Sun-Times columnist Raymond Coffey in 1998. "It's time for coaches to stand up and be counted on these issues of keeping kids out of trouble."

Under Sullivan's direction and the sponsorship of the state's attorney's office, this program has been a huge success. More than 5,000 coaches and 55,000 athletes representing 185 high schools in Cook County have taken the Stay pledge and have participated in camps, clinics and tournaments.

By launching the Sullivan awards as a new tradition, the Stay program seeks to extend Sullivan's legacy.

The coach had an extraordinary run. He played basketball for Notre Dame and later served as first assistant coach for the Irish. As a prep coach, he won championships for Loyola Academy.

In the 1980s, he coached Loyola University's basketball team and brought the Ramblers back to national prominence. In 1985, his team won two NCAA tournament victories and made it to the Sweet 16 before losing to No. 1 Georgetown.

The hardworking and dedicated Sullivan also did a stint as DePaul University's athletic director.

In the early 1990s, he served as deputy chief of the Chicago Park District. He developed citywide summer baseball programs that attracted thousands of youngsters. Sullivan also took the lead in rehabbing 140 basketball courts in city parks. He brought college football back to Soldier Field for the first time since the 1940s. Taking advantage of his contacts, Sullivan booked Notre Dame, Northwestern and Illinois for Soldier Field.

On Thursday night, Leo High School's president and veteran football coach Robert W. Foster will be honored with the Sullivan award for lifetime achievement. Foster, who is already in the Chicago Catholic League and Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame, shares Sullivan's determination to help others.

Patricia Nolan Ryan, principal of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank, is being honored with the Father John Smyth Award for dedication.

George Pruitt, athletic director at Robeson High School, is getting the Bill "Moose" Skowron Award for fortitude.

Dorothy Gaters of Marshall High School, the most successful girl's basketball coach in local history, is receiving the Willye White award for commitment. White is a former five-time Olympian.

Frank Lentini, whose Mount Carmel football teams have won four state titles in the last six years, is getting the Johnny Lattner Award for excellence.

Bob Naughton of New Trier High School and Tom Powers of Evanston High are receiving the George Connor loyalty award. Connor is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

St. Joseph High School basketball coach Gene Pingatore is being honored with the Johnny "Red" Kerr award for determination.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JERRY SACHARSKI OF ALBION, MI—THE INVENTOR OF TEE-BALL

##### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to recognize one of my constituents, Jerry Sacharski, the inventor of Tee-ball. It is not everyday that a Congressman is given the opportunity to pay tribute to a man who has done so much to expand the appeal of America's Pastime of baseball to so many children. In 1956, Jerry Sacharski became aware of the difficulty children were having when attempting to use hand-eye coordination that was necessary for bringing the bat in contact with the ball when it was pitched. Because of this lack of coordination in younger children, for years baseball opportunities for children had consisted only of little league teams for children 11 and 12 years of age, and baseball leagues for children over 14. This was not acceptable to Jerry. Instead of simply perpetuating the lack of opportunities for younger children, Jerry acted and came up with a system that we all take for granted today. By using metal piping, pieces of rubber, and part of a garden hose he ingeniously created the first batting tee, thereby securing up to four extra years of fun and experience with baseball's fundamentals for interested children. After all, it can only be an advantage for children to be able to

practice catching, fielding, and throwing in a game environment four or five years before they otherwise would.

Helping children reach their potential is nothing new for Jerry. For many years he was a teacher at Albion Public High School. After he started teaching, Jerry took it upon himself in 1954 to head up the Albion recreation department's summer baseball program. Because of this position, he was able to see the lack of opportunity for younger children that two years later would drive him to develop one of the largest innovations in youth sports.

Because of Jerry Sacharski, millions of children across the United States of America, have participated in Tee-ball leagues for over forty years. It is innovators like Jerry, who make life more enjoyable for millions of children, who are so important to the social fabric of our nation. Michigan is very proud of Jerry Sacharski and children around the world appreciate his contribution.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF DAVID H. KOSHGARIAN

##### HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David H. Koshgarian who has served as my Chief of Staff since my first election to Congress. Over the past fifteen and one half years David has been an outstanding leader for my office and a partner with me in carrying out all my Congressional duties. I, and the people of Maryland's Third Congressional District, have been well served by his commitment, knowledge and skill. It is with all sincerity that I thank him for his service to the nation.

For more than 25 years, David Koshgarian has served on Capitol Hill working for several Members of the House of Representatives, including Richard Kelly of Florida, Geraldine Ferraro of New York, and Chet Atkins of Massachusetts. Having grown up in Rhode Island and attended George Washington University here in Washington, Dave and his family have long made their home in Maryland and I appreciate that his longest service has been to a Maryland Representative.

The United States House of Representatives is the world's greatest democratic institution. As much as any staffer I have ever worked with on Capitol Hill, Dave has taken joy in the democratic process of governing this nation. His interest and enthusiasm has always enlightened my work, as well as that of our staff and interns. Dave's presence and spirit has always made my office a better place to work.

Dave came to my office after serving as Legislative Director for Rep. Chet Atkins and he never lost his primary interest in legislation and policy. Throughout my service on the Ways and Means Committee, Dave has handled tax and budget issues. Dave's deep intellect and long experience have been well tested in this position on a great variety of complex issues. He has mastered each challenge and often been most successful in effecting change in the Committee's consideration of key issues.

I am also proud that after many years of Ways and Means tax policy work in "Gucci

Gulch", where the concerns of wealthy and corporate interests are most often heard, David has unfailingly focused on the lives and struggles of the neediest among us and worked to ensure that the policies of the nation provide real opportunity to low-income and working class Americans. His efforts have been in the best traditions of the Democratic Party. The dramatic expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit is one recent example of our successful work in this area.

Dave has made a specialty of pension issues—an area where few people have long focused, but where much good can be done. At this point I am confident he knows as much as any staffer on Capitol Hill in this complicated facet of tax law. Pension policy is an area where sound federal policy can directly benefit the lives of every working American. Dave's effective work in this area is the clearest demonstration of his commitment to the people who most need our help.

Passage of the individual retirement and pension enhancement provisions of HR 1836, the 2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act is testament to Dave's skills and commitment. I doubt those provisions would have been enacted without David's ongoing, focused work on this issue. Dave should leave Capitol Hill proud of his many legislative accomplishments over the years.

David has also proven himself a solid administrator and inspiring leader and educator of staff. With many offices facing great turnover and little historical knowledge of a Member's work for a District, my office has always been very different, with relatively long and accomplished tenures by staff people. To large extent this is a result of Dave's daily caring and concern for staff. His joy in our responsibilities and spirit in the office will be greatly missed.

The hard work of the many loyal staff to the House of Representatives is too little rewarded and too rarely acknowledged. David, on behalf of the people of the nation, Maryland, the Third Congressional District, the many staff people and interns you have worked with and most of all myself, I want to thank you for your proud career of public service.

Best wishes for all your future endeavors.

#### IN HONOR OF MR. GLENN GRAHAM

##### HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Glenn Graham of Middletown, Pennsylvania. Recently, Glenn was named "Father of the Year" by Keystone Children and Family Services for acting as a tireless father to three of his step-great-grandchildren. Glenn is 73 years old.

Glenn was nominated for the award by Stephan Wolf, a U.S. Customs inspector, who learned of Glenn's remarkable story through weekly visits that Glenn makes while delivering documents. In addition to raising these three children, aged 4, 12, and 15, Glenn holds two jobs and is the Commander of the Middletown Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1620.

Raised in Massachusetts, Glenn served in the Army as a paratrooper shortly after World

War II and re-enlisted when the Korean War began. After serving in the Army, Graham drove tractor-trailers for a living. While making deliveries in New Jersey, Glenn was shot in the arm by two teenagers who were "having fun" by firing a rifle at his truck.

Glenn admits that he could not be such a dedicated father without the help of his wife, Mildred. He also acknowledges that he owes his exceptional parenting skills to the example set by his loving father, who raised seven children himself.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Glenn Graham. This remarkable man is an inspiration to fathers across the Nation for his selfless dedication to his family and deserves our genuine congratulations.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on June 6, 2002 and I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 209, "no" on roll call vote 213. I was also unavoidably absent from this chamber on June 11, 2002 and I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 220, "yea" on roll call vote 221 and "yea" on roll call vote 222.

Mr. Speaker, I was also unavoidably absent from this chamber on Monday. I would like the record to show that had I been present in this chamber on that date, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 230, 231 and 232.

#### A TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COLONEL JAMES S. DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

##### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 19, 2002*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to call your attention to the fact that on Sept. 28, 2002, the retirement of a highly distinguished officer in the United States Air Force—and a lifelong friend of mine—will become effective. The actual last day of service for Col. James S. Davis, Director of Operations for Alaskan Command at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, is June 28, which is why I wish to speak tonight about Jim and his career of service to this Nation.

It certainly dates us, Mr. Speaker, when we recall with fondness those students in our class whose skill and commitment to high school studies, particularly math and science, was marked by a plastic pocket protector in the shirt and a slide rule on a belt clip. Jim Davis was one such student, but Jim was also uniquely friendly and extroverted, and his own academic aptitude never set him apart and away from his classmates. All Jim's classmates shared the same thought: Jim Davis will

go very far. What we didn't know, Mr. Speaker, is that he would go very high and very fast, as well.

Jim was commissioned an Air Force officer in 1975, when he graduated from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree. After completing pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, he was assigned as a T-37 instructor pilot with the German Air Force pilot training program at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In 1980, he was selected to fly the F-16 fighter at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and then was posted to a series of duty stations with jobs of ever-increasing responsibility: Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of South Korea; Luke Air Force Base, Arizona; Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina; and Osan Air Base, Republic of South Korea.

Jim has logged more than 3,400 flight hours—more than 2,200 of them in the F-16—and he flew 29 combat missions during

Operation Desert Storm. That campaign earned Jim both the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Jim has also been awarded an oak leaf cluster for the Air Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

From June 1996 to August 1998, Jim worked in our own backyard, Mr. Speaker, serving at the Pentagon on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, before returning to Nellis Air Force Base, where he served as commander of the 414th Combat Training Squadron and then commander of the 57th Operations Group.

It's been a long and distinguished career for the brilliant young math and science wizard from Gladstone High School. Although our

paths have never crossed as much as I would have liked, I still frequently see his folks, Edward and Millie, and, in fact, the Davis home on the corner of Montana and 12th in Gladstone is one of the milestones on my annual 4th of July parade walk through the community. I've known all the Davis family, including his brother Tom, who lives with his wife Cindi just north of Gladstone in Brampton Township; brother Mike, who lives with his wife Teri in Colorado; and Jim's sister Jean, who lives with her parents.

Our floor schedule won't allow me to join Jim at his retirement bash in Alaska, so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Jim and his wife Camella all the best in Jim's retirement years, and I ask you and our House colleagues to join with me in offering this distinguished career officer a hearty, "Thanks . . . and well done!"



## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## JUNE 21

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the importance of summer school to student achievement and well being.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Immigration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the plight of North Korean refugees.

SD-226

## JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency Inspector General's actions with respect to the Ombudsman and S. 606, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; the nomination of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; the nomination of Douglas L. Flory, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration; and the nomination of Sharon Brown-Hruska, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 2004.

SR-332

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Office of Education Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

SD-430

Judiciary

Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposal for reorganizing our homeland defense infrastructure.

SD-226

1 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science to examine science and technology to combat terrorism.

2318, Rayburn Building

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Public Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the crisis in children's dental health.

SD-430

## JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues and perspectives in enforcing corporate governance, focusing on the experience of the state of New York.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the relationship between a Department of Homeland Security and the intelligence community.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 2059, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for Alzheimer's disease research and demonstration grants; and proposed legislation concerning global Aids.

SD-430

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposal for reorganizing our homeland defense infrastructure.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Immigration Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine immigration reform and the reorganization of homeland defense.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of James E. Boasberg, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

## JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine cross border trucking issues.

SR-253

1 p.m.

Governmental Affairs

To continue hearings to examine the relationship between a Department of Homeland Security and the intelligence community.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Central Asia and South Caucasus Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the balancing of military assistance and support for human rights in central Asia.

SD-419

## JULY 10

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the continuing challenges of care and compensation due to military exposures.

SR-418